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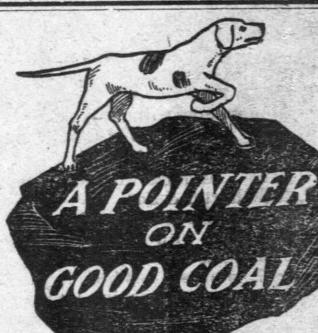
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A DESERVED TRIBUTE

A man does not care to be praised for doing what he considers merely an honest deed, and under ordinary circumstances we would not mention the action of our neighbor, James B. Messick, in paying eighteen years after a business reverse, the unpaid balance of a compromise with his creditors. But this is an exceptional case and worthy of all honor. No one in this community needed this proof of Mr. Messick's honesty. For more than sixteen years he has lived among us, and by strict attention to business, honorable methods and judicious advertising has placed himself in a position where he could cancel this, to him, debt of honor. And he has done it. His action is one that is a shining example and must tend to a higher sense of business and moral honesty, not only in this community, but all through Delaware, as the "fame of his high renown" has been spread from Brandywine to Baltimore. No more can be said than that "an honest man is the noblest work of God." Diogenes searched the streets of ancient Athens for an honest man. A modern Diogenes could find many, as we think Mr. Messick is not in a class alone. We believe that the modern idea of what is right and proper includes a strict sense of honesty in all things.

ARE WE WRONG?

In our editorial experience we have been but seldom in accord with *Every Evening's* views on any political matter. Now, when from one issue that organ quotes in full two articles, we begin to doubt even our own opinion. Rather, we fear that we have not made ourselves plainly understood. Especially is this so in regard to the article on what we conceive the approaching State Convention should do. *Every Evening* has abused the President, and opposed practically every measure proposed by the President that goes to make up what is known as the Roosevelt policy; viz: Federal control of corporations doing an interstate business, rate regulation, the elimination of the "fellow-servant" plea in litigation, the limiting of the hours which certain railroad employees shall be allowed to work, and the "fair play program." It has gone so far in its opposition that should the two candidates for the presidency, by any chance, be Bryan and Roosevelt, *Every Evening* would have to omit all editorial reference to national politics and fill in its space with discussions of things religious, agricultural and social.

But, in spite of our contemporary's approval, we must continue in our belief that there should be no question of an unqualified endorsement of the President and his policies by the Convention. As we stated last week, we do not believe that it will be possible to prevent such an endorsement. Nor do we think there will be such an attempt. The leaders of the party certainly know what the people want, and if they do not, they can ascertain before the seventh of April, and the secret of successful leadership lies in giving the people what they want.

WOMEN AS WAGE FARMERS

The Journal of Political Economy in a recent issue presents some instructive figures bearing on woman as engaged in the useful occupations. The figures were gathered by two women connected with the Chicago University. They reveal not only a remarkable "invasion" by the gentler sex, of new fields, an equally remarkable shifting about, so to speak.

The basis of the showing is the tenth census, according to which there are 308 occupations. In two hundred and ninety-five of these women appear, and it is only in the United States army and navy, in fire departments and as helpers—unskilled assistants to roofers, slaters, steam boiler makers and brass workers that they are not represented.

In 1900 more than five million women were earning wages, and for the decade covered the number of the sex engaged in remunerative industry increased faster than the female population, while the rate of increase in respect to employment was greater than the correspond-

ing rate foremployment of men. A peculiar exhibit is that in some of the occupations more usually associated with woman man outstripped the erstwhile "domestic slaves." For example, women, milliners increased in ten years 40.5 per cent; men milliners 340 per cent. Women dressmakers increased 17.8 per cent; men dressmakers 150 per cent. Again women seamstresses increased only .04 per cent., while men "seamstresses" increased 20.8 per cent and it is also found that men have been crowding the women out of the "saloon" business, the laundries, and in a certain measure the mills.

Women, however, increased in all departments of trade and transportation 120.3 to men's 37.6 per cent, and distanced the sterner sex" in all but one of the five large groups classified in the census.

As a contemporary says, it is well known that certain sociologists and writers on political economy hold the theory that race suicide, the decreasing marriage rate, the increasing divorce rate, wife abandonment, the disappearance of the cook and various other domestic ills are ascribable to the tendency of the modern woman to struggle for financial independence outside the home.

However this may be, it is a fact that woman is becoming an important factor in the business world.

[Communicated]

WHY NOT START EARLY

Fifty years ago there was some excuse for bad roads, for our country was poor. Now there is no excuse. A good road is always to be desired, and is a source of comfort and convenience to every traveler. Good roads attract population, well as good schools and churches. Good roads improve the value of property, so that it is said a farm lying five miles from market connected by a bad road, is of less value than an equally good farm connected by a good road. A larger load can be drawn by one horse over a good road than by two over a bad one. Good roads encourage the greater exchange of products and commodities between one section and another. Good roads are of great value to any town as a feeder, but unfortunately for Middletown the Maryland road, which is traversed by a large number of people, is almost impossible, and while it is to be repaired during the present year, it is likely to be several months before the work is begun. This road was in bad shape last year, and on one of his visits to this section, County Engineer Wilson drove over a portion of it, and was outspoken as to its bad condition.

Now the writer has been reading in the Wilmington papers of recent date, where some of the road work is to begin as soon as weather conditions will permit, but there has been no mention made as to when this much-needed road is to be improved, which is undoubtedly the worst piece of road to be repaired this year.

It is not the intention of the writer to dictate to Mr. Wilson in reference to his duties, but knowing he is familiar with the bad condition of this thoroughfare, and inasmuch as the work is to be done this year, we think it owing to defer building it until the fall, which is usually the time selected to repair the roads in this section of the county.

TAX-PAYER

LETTER TO MISS L. V. HOWELL
Middletown, Del.

Dear Madam: Here's another problem for those arithmetic and algebra scholars: If Devoe is worth 1.75 a gallon, and spreads a half furthier than average paint, and wears twice as long, what is average paint worth a gallon put-on, painter's wages being \$3.50 a day and a day's work a gallon on paint.

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Mr. Leroy Bloomer will soon open a first class livery.
Mr. Charles Lake has been spending a few days in town.
Sheriff Hager moved his family to Elkton on Thursday.

Mrs. Reba Freas of Salem, N. J., is visiting Mrs. William Brown.

Mrs. John Jorden, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. E. Clark.

Z. T. Loveless spent several days last week in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mr. John Norton, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Groome Steele entertained a few friends Saturday evening. Miss Sallie Woodall, of Georgetown, is being entertained by Mrs. James Hope.

Mrs. Carrie Boulden, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Banks.

Dr. Harry Cleaver, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. T. J. Cleaver.

Miss Reba Rothvin has returned to her home in Chester after a delightful visit with Mrs. Henry Kibler.

Mrs. Augusta Beauchamp will open a millinery parlor in the Masonic building about the middle of this month.

William and Charles Schaefer, students of Delaware College, were visitors to town on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Bennett Steele entertained Misses Minnie and Lucy Reed and Dora Steele at dinner last Tuesday evening.

The Encore Club was entertained by Misses Florence Egee and Mary Cooper at the home of Miss Egee on Thursday evening.

The entertainment given by the Chesapeake City schools on Friday evening, February 28th, was quite a success. The gross receipts were \$54.20. The expenses for music, hall, plays, officer and incidentals amounted to \$17.90, leaving the net receipts \$36.30. The program was as follows: Music, Chesapeake City Band; Play, "Mother Goose as a Moralist;" Ward Method of Teaching Reading; Butterfield drill; Chorus, "Mt. Vernon Bell;" Recitation, "Just Like Dad," John Houck; Sale of jointed dolls; "Grandpa," a farce comedy in one act, James Vaughan; Marie Byers, George Boren, Mary Ford; Hatchet motion song; "A Scheme that Failed," a comedy in one act, John Hopper, Carroll Woolleyhan, Gladys Banks, Augusta Egee, Mamie Jefferson, Lulu Bryson; Music, Chesapeake City Band.

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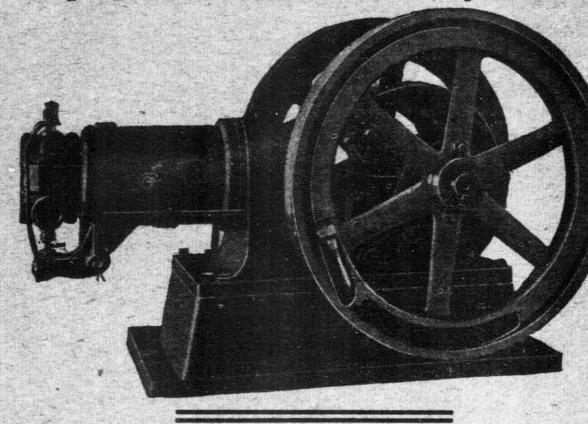
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Middletown, Del.

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GEO. D. CROSSLAND.

Middletown, Del., Dec. 28th, 1907.

J. F. McWhorter & Son.

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Mails Close as Follows.
Going North—7:25 a.m., 10:05 a.m., 4:05 p.m.,
6:00 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Going South—8:00 a.m., 4:15 p.m., and 8 p.m.
For Odessa—7:50 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
4:30 p.m., and 8 p.m.
For Warwick, Cooch and Eariville 9:20 a.m.,
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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MARCH 7, 1908.

Local News

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FOR SALE.—Rose Comb Rhode Island Red eggs, by the setting or in 100 lots. The chickens for the farmer as they are great winter layers. C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

This month only, extra thick \$30.00 French edge Ostermeyer mattresses for \$18.50, 60 lbs., covered beautiful mercerized French art twill. W. J. WILSON.

FOR SALE.—1000 chestnut posts. Apply to L. L. WILLIAMS, St. Augustine, Cecil Co., Md.

FOR RENT.—The seven room dwelling on East Main street, now occupied by George S. Richards. Possession given March 25th, 1908. Mrs. H. V. PARVIS.

To H. R. Wilson, the up-to-date cigar and tobacco dealer and try the famous Lipschitz 44 cent cigar, Blue & Lenders. Use your judgment and be convinced.

A Box and Pie Social will be held at Woodland School House near Armstrong's Corner, on Friday evening, March 20, '08. Proceeds for the benefit of the school fund. All are cordially invited to attend.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR RENT.—Store, house and dwelling at Summit Bridge, Del.; possession given March 25. Apply to Samuel Alrich, Glasgow, Del., or Geo. W. Ingram, Middletown, Del.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Feb. 27th: Miss Mollie Henry, Miss Mary Lane, Miss Myrtle Woodruff, Mr. Herman Gibbs, Mr. Alfred Lee, Mr. James Ross.

Mr. A. Fogel is attending the wholesale Spring Millinery Openings in New York City this week, where she is also selecting a large assortment of the very latest creations which they will display at their opening. The date will be announced later in this paper.

Little Miss Viola Marker, of near town, was tendered a special surprise on Tuesday, it being her eighth birthday. The little Miss received sixty cards, some of them being very handsome and costly, all wishing her many more happy birthdays.

The TRANSCRIPT readers are doubtless aware by this time that it is a newspaper allows a subscriber to be one year in arrears on a subscription, hereafter, the publisher will be fined by the postal authorities. We hope our subscribers will remain at once on all subscriptions over that time.

Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son have the agency for the "Old" gasoline engines, and their ad. appears in this issue. If you are thinking of buying one, read the testimonials of those who are using the "Old" in their ad. You know them, and what they say about the engines wonderful work, can be relied upon as absolutely true.

Before very long the Red Men of Delaware will have established a home for their aged and indigent. There is now \$5,000 in hand for the home and this fund was started with a five cent piece contributed several years ago. The home may be located in Kent County in order to be near the centre of the reservation.

We heard one of our citizens say a good word for insurance companies the other day and we hasten to give the companies the benefit of it. He said with all their faults they always gave away good blotters and calendars. This reminds us that if our business men are going to need any blotters, they would do well to see us before ordering.

The Red Cross Society has issued and placed on sale the all-year-round stamp, and they can be purchased at the local drug stores at one cent each. The Society is doing a wonderful work, and our people should encourage them. The money derived from the sale of this issue of stamps will be used in erecting a sanitarian at Rehoboth.

The annual election of officers of Beta Theta Pi, E. Sunday School was held last week, with the following result: Superintendent, Alfred G. Cox; Assistant Superintendent, Rev. W. H. Hutchins; Secretary, Daniel W. Stevens; Assistant Secretary, J. Elwood Denny; Treasurer, S. E. Massay; Librarian, George E. Wilson; Pianist, Mr. J. Elwood Denny; Assistant pianist, Miss Lenora Lee; Superintendent Infant Department, Miss Anna M. Freeman.

Don't forget the grand benefit of our local Volunteer Firemen, in the Opera House, next Thursday and Friday evening, March 12th and 13th, when will be presented that laughable 3-act comedy, "College Days." Mr. William Howe, who is staging this play, is well pleased with the entire cast who have made such rapid progress in their several parts. Specialities will be given between the acts by the Vineyard Children, Miss Estella Saydam, Harry Vinyard and the Middletown Quartette. The firemen extend a cordial invitation to all their friends to come out to witness this splendid play which they guarantee to please all. Price for general admission 25 cents; Reserved seats 35 cents, and can be had at Letherbury's Hardware Store on and after to-day March 7th. Our citizens should turn out and help this worthy cause. Let the Opera House be crowded both nights.

Don't forget the freak calf exhibition to day. This is a curiosity worth seeing, and the proceeds derived from the exhibit will be for the benefit of the piano fund of the Middletown public schools. The exhibit will be held in the rear of Mr. J. L. Shepherd's office, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4 P. M., and the admission will be 10 cents to all. The calf which is now five weeks old, has a head resembling that of a sheep, while the body is that of a cow.

It has been frequently suggested, and the suggestion is a good one, for every farmer to place his name and the name of his farm on his road-side. Not only would persons driving to a place more easily find it, but it would add more pleasure and interest to people driving from place to place. This last result would have special effect to well kept and pretty houses. An observing person will desire to know who is its enterprising owner.

Through the efforts of State Detective Gillis, Elwood Wiggins, colored, is being held in Philadelphia, and is being held there awaiting extradition to this State to answer the charge of murder. He accused of shooting William Denby, also colored, during a crap game near Middletown last July. Denby later died at the New Castle County Workhouse. After locating the man in a pool room in South Street, Philadelphia, Detective Gillis and two officers of the Philadelphia Police Department placed him under arrest.

OUR SCHOOLS.

While this paper has always been a warm friend to the school of our town it intends to take a deeper interest in them during the ensuing year. We believe it is the duty of every citizen to take a live interest in our schools. During the years that are past scores of diplomas have been handed out as class after class of our young people have stepped out of school life into life's school. Would that we could, in this issue of our paper place before its readers the familiar face of each and every one, but such is among the impossibilities. Our school home!

Miss Mary Lewis, of Trenton, N. J., spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lewis.

Mrs. H. C. Browne, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with her mother, Mrs. Henrietta Parvis.

Miss Elizabeth Lindley is spending sometime at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Harry Griffith, near Sassafras, Md.

Mrs. G. G. Janvier has returned from a visit to her daughter, Miss Nellie, at Pelham Manor School, Long Island.

Miss Tilghman and Miss Eliza Cochran, of Elwyn, Pa., were in town last Saturday evening the funeral of Miss Susan Justus.

Miss Myrtle Houston will leave this week for Baltimore, Md., where she will spend several weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Naudain.

The many friends of Mrs. J. G. Bradon, were delighted when she returned to her home here on Wednesday, after an absence of several weeks in Philadelphia, where she was operated on for appendicitis.

Mr. C. P. Cochran was operated on at the Polyclinic Hospital on Tuesday, and while the operation was of a serious nature, the nurse and attending physician are hopeful for his speedy recovery, and many friends here are pleased to hear of his condition being so favorable.

OBITUARY.

ELLI DICKINSON.

After a brief illness death claimed Elli Dickinson on Friday, February 28th, 1908, at his home near Summit Bridge. Mr. Dickinson had suffered with bronchial trouble for many years, and when he was stricken a few days previous to his death his immediate family did not realize he was seriously ill.

Elli Dickinson was the son of William and Rebecca Dickinson deceased, and a brother to John W. Dickinson, of this town, and was born on the farm now owned by Mr. George Derrickson, near town, 68 years ago. He was a veteran of the Civil War having served in the Fourth Delaware Regiment, Company B. At the close of the Civil War he spent 11 years in the West, and then returned to his native State, where he has resided since, with the exception of a few years when he was engaged in business in Chester, Pa.

He leaves a devoted widow, one son, two brothers and one sister to mourn his death. He had been a Christian for many years. Funeral services were held in Summit Bridge M. E. Church on Monday afternoon at one o'clock, and the services were conducted by his pastor. Interment was made in Forest Cemetery.

ROLLS OF HONOR.

The following pupils of Middletown Public Schools have obtained 90 per cent. or better for the month of February:

HIGH SCHOOL.—No Report—Owing to illness of Principal.

DEPARTMENT NO. 2.—A Class—Rupert Burstan, Irving Brockson, John Hodges, B Class—Maude Taylor, Helen McDowell, Viola Weber, Frank Richards.

DEPARTMENT NO. 3.—A Class—Hannah Kirk, Elizabeth Gibbs, B Class—Alice Boulden.

DEPARTMENT NO. 4.—A Class—Sarah Kates, Little Scott, Mildred Redgrave, B Class—Lulu Pearce, Martha Jones, John Kumpel, Clarence Weber.

DEPARTMENT NO. 5.—A Class—Odel Gallagher, Alma Whitlock, Olive Lockwood, Mildred Vaughan, Harry Maul, Frank Walker, Elmer Vinyard, Foster Johnson, Cortlands Pinder, Frank McDowell, B Class—Katherine Alexander, Mabel Pinder, George Swan, Leila Pratt, Mildred Hall, Albert Schuman.

BROWN COTTAGE SCHOOL.

The following pupils have attained the average of 90 per cent. for the month of February: Nina Castelow, Bertha Malone, Lena Manlove, Jessie Kobl, Avery Donovan, Irving Sparks, William Clark, Joseph Murray.

THE TOWN ELECTION.

Although there was not a contest at the municipal election on Monday last, 128 votes were cast which demonstrates the fact that our people are taking more interest in the management of our town. Then it must be remembered that all of the taxes had been collected—consequently everybody had a right to cast a vote. The manner in which J. A. Cleaver has collected the taxes has been a source of much gratification, and places the affairs of the town in excellent shape.

The result of the balloting was as follows: For Commissioners, Geo. V. Peverley, 119; Joseph Hanson, 124, with no opposition. For Treasurer, Edward Reynolds, 127 votes, no opposition. For Assessor, S. S. Holton, winning by 5 votes. For Alderman, A. G. Cox, 124 votes, no opposition.

PERSONALITIES.

Mrs. A. Fogel is visiting New York this week.

Mrs. Martin Barr is visiting her son in Elwyn, Pa.

Miss Lily M. Scott spent this week in Philadelphia.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson was in Philadelphia last week.

Miss Edith Frances, of Smyrna, spent most of her time with Miss Viola Weber.

Mrs. Carrie Farrell, of Smyrna, is spending this week with relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Comegys, of Smyrna, were guests of their parents.

Mrs. Arthur, of Kenton, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Susan Wright.

Miss Mary Richards spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Wilmington.

Miss Mary C. Gill spent several days of this week with relatives in Wilmington.

Deval Rhoads, of Wilmington, is visiting his parents, Harry Massey and wife.

Mrs. Ida Heller has returned from a few days' visit with relatives in Wilmington.

James H. Sam and wife, of St. George, visited Mrs. Caroline Hahn on Sunday.

Miss Anna Heller, of Wilmington, is spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. A. Heller.

Miss Frances E. Husband and Minnie Armstrong were guests of friends in Wilmington on Saturday.

Charles Armstrong, wife and two children, of Landenberg, Pa., are visiting her father, Elwood Duflin.

Miss Mary C. Gill spent several days of this week with relatives in Wilmington.

Deval Rhoads, of Wilmington, is the guest of his parents, George W. Rhoads and wife.

Mrs. Wilson Marseller, of Philadelphia, spent several days of last week at the home of John Heldmyer and family.

Mrs. Emma Catts and two children, of near town, spent Wednesday of this week with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Armstrong.

Miss Edna Ewell has returned home after an extended visit with relatives in Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Earl Baum, of Delaware City, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong strong last week.

Mr. Grace Salmons and Mrs. Clara Hall, of Farmington, spent Saturday and Sunday at the parsonage, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Givan.

Stanley S. Stevens and wife, of Delaware City, and I. Moody Stevens, of Chester, Pa., spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Alfred Stevens.

Mrs. Charles Meggs and daughter Helen have returned to their home in Philadelphia, after an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. William Heller.

On tomorrow, (Sunday), Mr. William Rice, of Holstein, Ontario, will preach in Draviers Presbyterian Church both morning and evening. Everyone is most cordially invited to attend.

While attending to her home duties on Saturday morning last, Mrs. J. Harry Massay was stricken with paralysis, her right side and throat being affected, but has not spoken a word since that time.

Revival meetings are still in progress at St. Paul's M. E. Church, and much interest is being manifested, there having been about 80 conversions. On last Sunday evening Mrs. Clara Hall sang a beautiful solo to a large and appreciative audience.

TOWNSEND.

Fresh oysters every day at H. GILL'S, Walter Finley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Hector Atwell, of Philadelphia, visited friends here on Wednesday.

Mrs. Edgar Reynolds and daughter Marian visited Wilmington on Saturday.

Mrs. S. J. Brockson, of Middletown, visited Miss Estella VanDyke on Friday.

Mrs. George Satterfield and son Latimer are visiting her sister, Mrs. Burris, near Cecilton.

Miss Tilly Tilghman, of Philadelphia, was over Sunday visitor with Miss E. J. Maloney.

JAMES WATTS AND WIFE, of Cecilton, spent Thursday and Friday with W. N. Watts and wife.

Mrs. Mary Carpenter, of near Odessa, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Beulah Hodgeson.

Albert Watts and family, of Cecilton, were over Sunday visitors with L. B. Shockley and wife.

Mrs. Anna Sharpless spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives in Kennett Square and Tacony.

Mrs. Devonia Whitlock, of Philadelphia, has accepted a position as clerk in W. T. DeValinger's store.

The Calendar Club will give a Supper Tuesday evening, March 10th, in the Church Hall. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. I. Pritchard who was taken to Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, about five weeks ago, was brought to her home on Wednesday. She was accompanied by her husband and four children. Services were held at her residence at 10 A. M., Monday morning, and burial was at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna, Rev. MacSorley officiating.

CECILTON.

Sewell Douns of Mt. Pleasant, spent last Friday with friends here.

JAMES H. SMITH spent Monday and Tuesday in Baltimore this week.

Quite a number from here attended the entertainment at Galena on Friday evening of last week.

Miss Iona Benson, of Earleville, was the guest of her friend, Miss Blanche Padley, on Friday.

J. A. Pearce, G. M. Millikan, W. H. Brown and J. T. Bailey spent this week in Elkton, attending court.

Mrs

FLOY'S SILENCE

BY ADA E. FERRIS

Somebody was helping himself from the valuable stock at Vane & Hunt's big dry-goods store and nobody knew who or when. The employees had been asked to use extra care and vigilance, and the most light-hearted girl there felt worried and uneasy.

Was it a clever shoplifter? Could there be a thief among them? Did the firm suspect any one? Was there perhaps a detective watching them even now? And—did detectives not sometimes make mistakes? Every one was painfully nervous, and impatient to have the mystery cleared up.

And I believe you know something about it, Floy, said Jennie Burnham, under her breath, to a fellow clerk.

Why, what makes you think that? Floy asked, startled.

I know it. I know by the way you hold your tongue when we are all puzzling about it. Now what is it?

No, said Floy Irving, very slowly as if weighing every word, no, I do not know any more than the rest of you about this. I don't even know what is missing.

But you have a suspicion. Now own up.

No, even more slowly. And if I had, it might be doing a great injustice.

Oh, you obstinate little mule! I wish there was an X ray so we could look through people's heads and find out what they knew.

But some one came up just then and Floy seized the opportunity to slip away, with a deep breath of thankfulness. For she did know something-only, had it anything to do with the case? If she spoke, all in the store—or all but two, perhaps—would say at once, That solves the riddle. But would it? Or would it only practically convict one who might after all, be innocent?

Oh, if there were only some X-ray by which one might look into a soul and see if it were true! There he stood at an opposite counter, quite and faithful, although he must know that one word from her would concentrate all this dark cloud of suspicion on his head.

Yet why should she not say, I do not know who is the thief now, but I know who was responsible for a similar course of petty losses a few years ago, and not so many miles away. He calls himself Robert Murdock now, but he was sent to the reform school then under the name of Bob Jamieson.

Yet was it quite fair to conclude that because Bob Jamieson ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-advised by an unscrupulous stepfather, had robbed the employer who provoked the act by refusing to pay fair wages, therefore Robert Murdock, some years older, wiser, and to all appearance strictly honorable, was equally guilty?

He had been in the store some months now, and apparently she alone knew of this old trouble. She hardly knew why she had not told that he was an old schoolmate of her own—partly, perhaps, because so much had been said of a girl's inability to keep a secret, and she resented the idea, but more on account of a kindly reluctance to make trouble for one trying to start anew. No one but himself knew that they had ever met before.

Murdock's behavior had been faultless—almost too good to be natural, it seemed to Floy. Still, this might mean only that he was determined to retrieve his good name and bury the old disgrace from sight forever. What injustice, then, practically to convict him of this new theft, without one particle of proof, and make the cloud above him darker than ever!

Yet the word once spoken could never be recalled. And there before her eyes every day stood Robert Murdock, waiting the word that should hurl him to destruction—yet neither by word nor look appealing for mercy.

She slipped out hurriedly when the day's work was over, lest Jennie should overtake and ply her with more questions. She did not want to talk—or to think. What was the use of puzzling one's brains over a problem one had not facts to solve? But before she had fairly reached her boarding place she was stopped by one of her comrades in the store, with a piteous appeal:

O Floy Irving, I'm in such a bother! You'd help me out, on't you? There's a darling! My head aches fit to split, and there was such a crowd at our

counter I couldn't begin to keep things straight, and some of the ladies pulled laces all around and got them into such a tangle! I do believe one of them was the shoplifter that is making us all so much trouble. I didn't dare take my eyes off her, and I just shoved the whole tangle back in a drawer, out of sight, till I had time to straighten them out. And my head ached so that I forgot them entirely. O Floy, would you go and put them away for me like an angel? I don't feel as if I could stand it to go back myself to night.

When did Floy Irving ever refuse to do a favor? The jolly old night-watchman would admit her readily enough. She knew, even if the bookkeepers had finished and gone—and often one or another of the clerks was detained.

So a few moments later she re-entered the store by the rear door. How ghostly and empty it looked in the dim light! There was no sign of life save the watchman's whistle away up in one of the galleries. She hurried toward Annie's counter, and turning a corner, came sharply upon Robert Murdock!

How often she had wished for a chance to question him! Here it was—if she only knew how to use it.

Did I frighten you? he asked, for she had given a startled cry. I merely stepped out to see who was coming in. Mr. Hale asked me to stay and help unpack some new goods to-night.

Floy briefly explained her own presence in turn. No one at Vane & Hunt's wanted any suspicion attaching to their movements just now. Then—for she dared not let this golden opportunity pass—she added hurriedly, I—I want to ask you one question. Involuntarily she caught his arm and turned his face toward the light.

Well? Is Robert Murdock your true name?

My true name. It was my father's before me. Jamieson was only my stepfather. Is that all? For she had dropped her hand and turned away with a gesture of hopelessness.

Yes—no! That is, what's the use? I know what you would say—either way! There's no use wasting time.

And you wouldn't believe anything I said—either way! No, it's not much use talking, he said, bitterly.

I—I don't understand! gasped Floy, startled.

You think, Once a thief, always a thief. Well, you won't believe me. I don't know why you have kept my secret so long, unless you liked to play with me as a cat does with a mouse. Nevertheless, I will say this—as Heaven hears me, I know nothing whatever about the thefts in this store. I am innocent of them as you are.

I believe you! Floy exclaimed, extending her hand eagerly. And I don't believe that horrible old saying. Don't be angry with me, please. I didn't mean to be hard or cruel. I never thought you cared to have me speak to you. I wasn't playing with you. I kept still because I thought it was right—and now I know it was. You may trust me.

He controlled his voice by an effort. Forgive me, I should not have spoken so. You have a right to choose your acquaintances.

The watchman is coming; I must go at Annie's lace. But I know what to believe now, and she hurried on breathlessly. A moment later she was hastily bringing order out of chaos, even while explaining her return to her friend, the watchman.

She's a careless one! the old man growled. I'd let her do her own straightening. Tisn't your business.

She was sick, you know, Floy said, excusingly. I don't mind helping her a little. She glanced unconsciously over where Murdock was now arranging the new goods on the shelves.

If 'twas any of the other girls, I'd just wonder if she hadn't an idea that Bob Murdock might offer to see her home, chuckled the watchman. But I never saw you show any weakness in that line.

Oh, you don't see everything. Floy laughed, although her cheeks flamed. But I'll be done and at home long before he can get away.

Oh, if you spoke to him to night I'll warrant it was the first time, At which suggestion Floy's

nervous fingers only flew the faster. She did not care to talk more with him to-night. Yet she was very glad she had come. Her doubts were settled now. Only—she wished she had been a little less cautious and a little more just, perhaps. But at least she was thankful that she had not spoken out her doubts.

But when she entered the store the next morning, the air was heavier than ever with doubt and dread. More losses had been discovered. The girls huddled together, exchanging wild guesses in frightened whispers. The firm had not given out any word, but there was unwanted hurrying to and fro, the senior partner had been summoned by telephone and now was closest with Mr. Hunt, the junior partner, one of the floor walkers, and the head bookkeeper. And with them was a sharp eyed little man no one knew—a detective, perhaps. Mr. Hale and the watchman had been called before them, as the last persons in the store the preceding night. He looked over the letters, tested her skill in shorthand, then thoroughly confounded her by saying:

How would you like the place of my private clerk and typewriter, Miss Irving? I have been obliged to part with young Greydon. He talked too freely of my business affairs. You don't write quite so fast, but I see you know how to keep a secret to perfection.

17. Keep a secret? Floy gasped.

He laughed and patted her shoulder in his fatherly fashion. Let me put your mind at ease about Bob Murdock. I know all about that Jamieson affair. The boy told me himself when he first asked for work. His father and I were old friends. I don't think I'll regret giving him a fair chance. And now the mystery of the theft is solved. It was the janitor of the place next door. He found a board loose in the partition between the cellars, and thought he had discovered a bonanza—thought he never would be suspected. But when he tried to dispose of the thing he was caught.

Tut, tut, child, don't cry! You've done splendidly. I expected every day that you would speak out, and have every one thinking Bob was the guilty one. But you didn't, so I think I can trust you to hold your tongue about other matters, too.

But I almost said it twenty times, Floy said, honestly.

Indeed! Why didn't you quite say it? Because I was afraid it might be doing injustice—and a word once spoken, a coach and six horses can't bring back, as grandpas used to tell us.

Then if you once make up your mind, after careful consideration, that it is right to tell other people my business secrets, you will do it, will you? he asked, dryly.

Why—yes—I suppose so, Floy answered. But not till then?

Oh, no! she said, earnestly.

Well, if you wait till then, I think we won't quarrel. Consider yourself engaged. And you may tell Bob Murdock, if you like, that I have taken you on his recommendation.

FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form filed in the Office of the Register of Wills, New Castle County, Del., Jan. 16, 1908, upon the application of William C. Munro, Administrator of the estate of George Hundred, late of New Castle, Del., deceased, and that all persons having claims against the estate of George Hundred, late of New Castle, Del., deceased, are directed to file the same with the Register of Wills, New Castle County, Del., within three months from the date of this notice.

JOSEPH H. ENOR, in ODESSA,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1908

From 9.00 A. M. to 12.00 M.

AT HENRY CLEAVEN'S STORE IN PORT HENRY,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1908

From 9.00 A. M. to 4 P. M.

and at the County Tax Collector's Office, Broad Street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday during the month of February from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamp.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEWCASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 20, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—I hat on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

We hear that you were here after hours last night, Miss Irving. How is that? And how did you get in?

Floy explained briefly why and how she had returned, forcing herself to speak steadily, although all the time something seemed whispering in her ear. How should they know that unless he has foretold you by throwing suspicion on you? Why did you let yourself be convinced so easily? Didn't you know that a man who would steal would lie? Why didn't you speak out at first? After he has once accused you, your story will sound like a weak attempt at self defense.

And she could only tell herself, desperately, I told him he might trust me. I can't break my word unless I am sure.

How long were you here? What is that? And how did you get in?

Floy explained briefly why and how she had returned, forcing herself to speak steadily, although all the time something seemed whispering in her ear. How should they know that unless he has foretold you by throwing suspicion on you?

Tell it all! You will never have such a chance again. Can't you see that he has accused you to say himself? But also said, steady, Oh, the watchman teased me about coming back so as to talk with Mr. Murdock. We told each other how we happened to come back to the store, and be the means of teaching you to read the characters by sound. Write to-day.

ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH INSTITUTE,

Laurel, Delaware.

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Snapper and Alpha Beta Card.

Send us the names of 10 young men and 10 women, and we will not more than one out of each family,

who might become interested in a telegraphic course, and 10c in cash or stamps, and we will send you an engraved card of the entire Morse characters and our best pocket telegraph instrument.

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To introduce our plan of selling music over the phone, will send me the latest and up-to-date catalogs free, and will include one copy of a late Broadway hit for ten cents in stamps.

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206 W. Eighth St., WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Highest prices paid for Butter, Poultry and Eggs.

We invite the public to call and inspect our goods.

And complained a little about how nervous these mysterious thefts were making all, she finished, boldly.

What do you think about these thefts, Miss Irving? Mr. Hunt asked, suddenly, his eyes twinkling more than ever.

Once more Floy desperately fought off a great temptation. I don't know what to think.

He chuckled, rubbing his hands together in satisfaction.

You understand stenography and typesetting, I am told?

Yes, sir! I gasped, Floy, staring. She had taken great pains to learn, hoping to find a better position, but so far none had offered.

Well, I am without a private clerk this morning. Sit down there and put these letters into shape, if you please. These to be answered—according to the notes I have scribbled on them. You know the proper form, of course.

Floy obeyed, feeling perfectly dazed.

The partners went out and were gone some time. She was just finishing the task assigned when Mr. Hunt returned.

He looked over the letters, tested her skill in shorthand, then thoroughly confounded her by saying:

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